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TEXT

SUBJECT: WARNING AND FORECAST REPORT: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA [REDACTED]

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X--THERE IS STILL NO HARD EVIDENCE LINKING A SPECIFIC
TERRORIST GROUP TO LAST MONTH'S BOMBING OF UTA FLIGHT 772.
BECAUSE OF LAX AIRPORT SECURITY, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA MAY BECOME
MORE ATTRACTIVE TO TERRORISTS FOR SUCH ATTACKS AGAINST WESTERN

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TARGETS.

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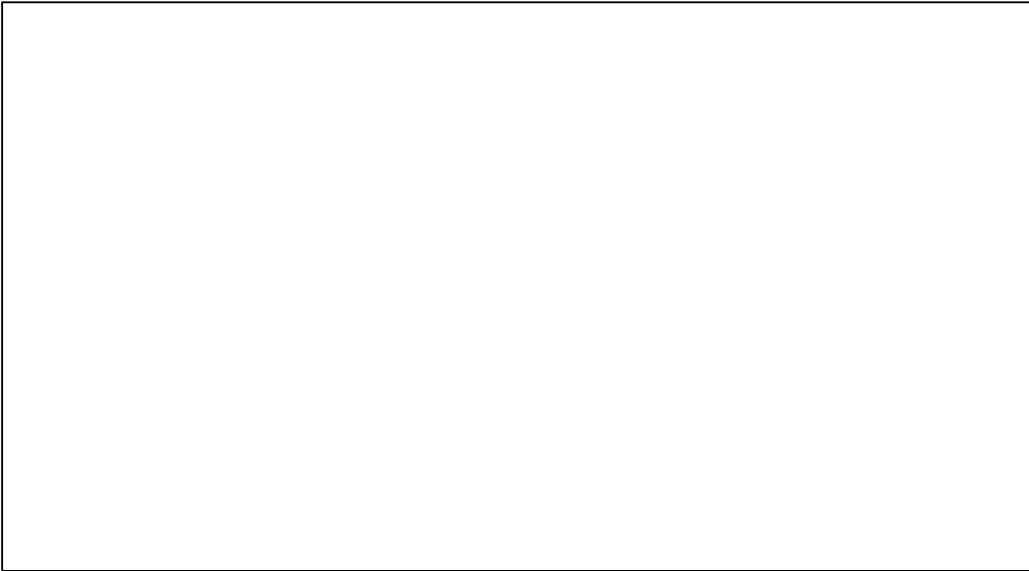
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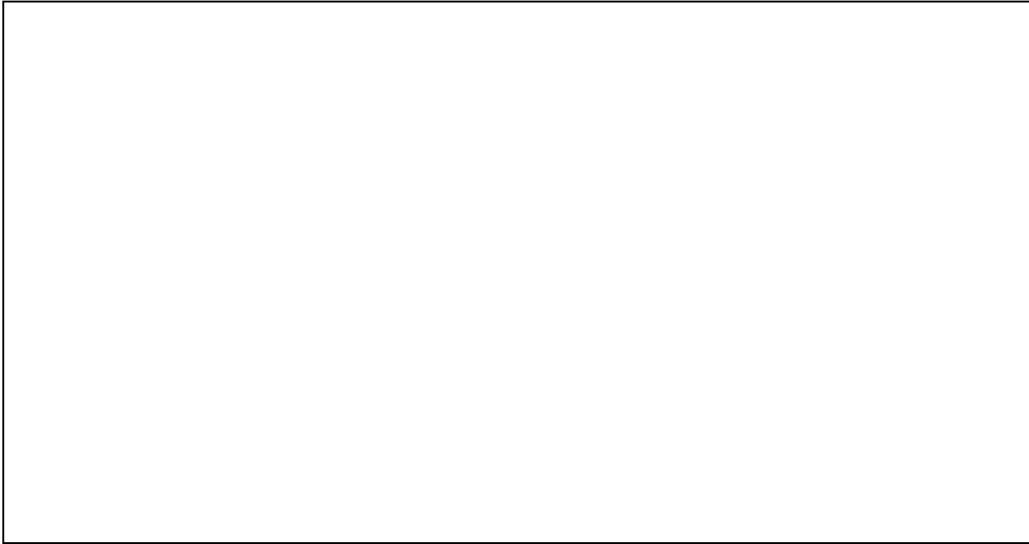
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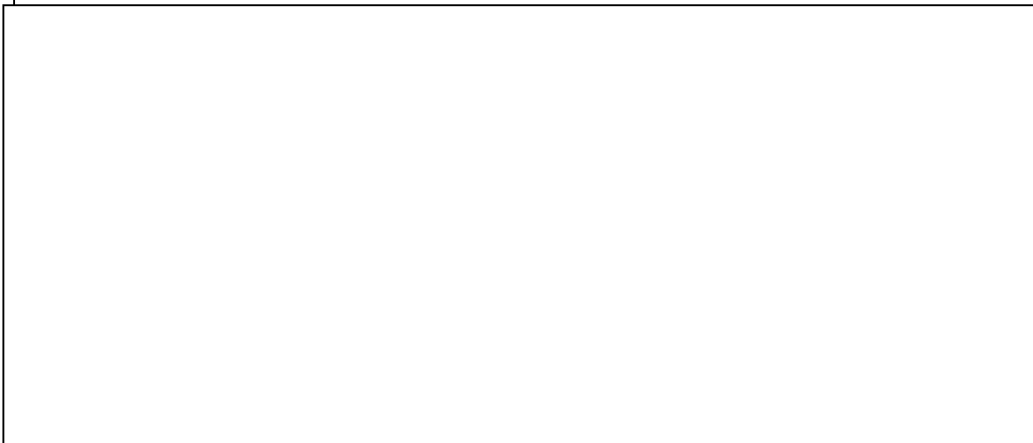
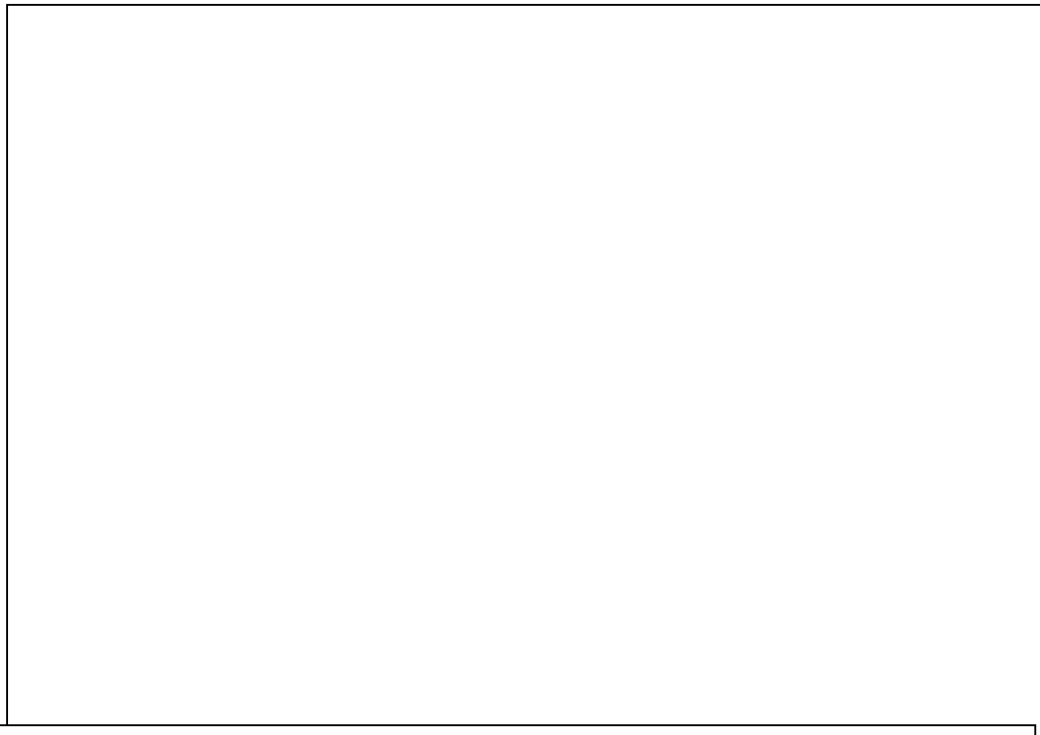
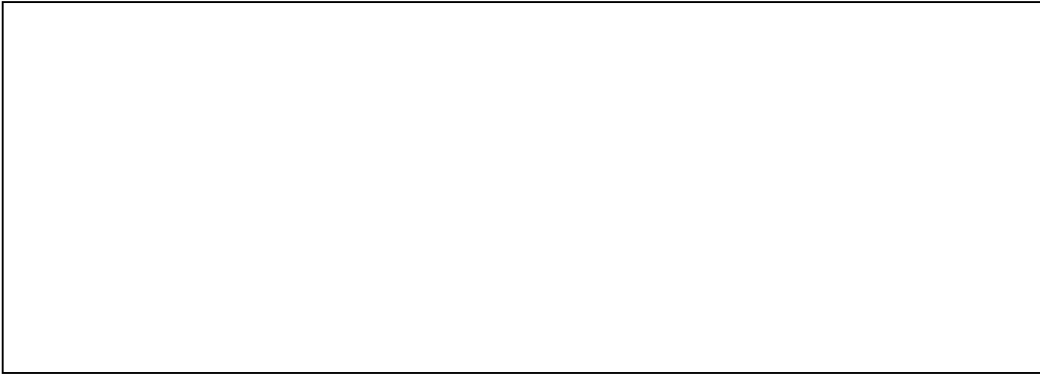
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TERRORISM: BOMBING OF UTA 772. PRESENTED BY DCI'S
COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER

UTA FLIGHT 772 FROM BRAZZAVILLE TO NDJAMENA AND PARIS
EXPLODED OVER NIGER ABOUT 40 MINUTES OUT OF NDJAMENA ON 19
SEPTEMBER. ALTHOUGH [] OFFICIALS CLAIM THE APPARENT
LOCATION OF THE BOMB INDICATES IT WAS LOADED AT BRAZZAVILLE,
WHICH HAS POOR AIRPORT SECURITY, THIS HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED
WITH CONFIDENCE. THE DEVICE MAY HAVE HAD AN ALTIMETER TRIGGER
SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN THE BOMBING OF PA103.

TWO CALLS--TO THE UTA OFFICE IN PARIS AND A PRESS OFFICE IN
LONDON--CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE ISLAMIC JIHAD. THE LONDON
CALLER SAID THE BOMBING WAS IN RETALIATION FOR THE FRENCH ROLE
IN THE ABDUCTION OF SHAYKH UBAYD. A SUBSEQUENT LETTER FROM THE
CHADIAN RESISTANCE IN BEIRUT CLAIMED THE BOMBING WAS AIMED AT
REMOVING THE FRENCH FROM CHAD.

THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE LINKING ANY GROUP TO THE

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BOMBING. PRIMARY SUSPECTS INCLUDE RADICAL SHIA ELEMENTS--INCLUDING HIZBALLAH--THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE-GENERAL COMMAND, AND LIBYA. THE FORMER HAVE A NETWORK IN PLACE--INVOLVING SOME OF THE LARGE LEBANESE SHIA POPULATION IN WEST AFRICA--AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BY LIBYAN OPERATIVES WAS OBSERVED BEFORE AND AFTER THE INCIDENT. LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT COULD INDICATE RESUMPTION OF LIBYAN SUBVERSION IN AFRICA BECAUSE IT IS AN EASY ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO STRIKE AT WESTERN TARGETS. THE INCIDENT HAS STRAINED FRENCH RELATIONS WITH CHAD AND CONGO, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS OF LAX AIRPORT SECURITY.

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